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TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO  
AMCONSUL MONTERREY  
AMCONSUL GUADALAJARA

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SUBJECT:GAO REVIEW: "U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
PROGRAMS IN MEXICO"

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE GAO OF SUBJECT  
REVIEW WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN MEXICO IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
SCHEDULE GIVEN BELOW. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO  
REVIEW OVERALL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND ASSESS THE FEASIBI-  
LITY OF STREAMLINING THE PROGRAM AND PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES  
FOR FULFILLING THE U.S. OBLIGATION TO FOREIGN NATIONAL  
RETIREES. A SIMILAR STUDY WAS CARRIED OUT IN THE  
PHILIPPINES EARLY THIS YEAR. TEAM WISHES TO MEET WITH  
EMBASSY AND CONSULATE PERSONNEL AND MEXICAN SOCIAL SECURITY  
AGENCY OFFICIALS.

2. THE PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR TWO-MAN GAO TEAM CONSISTING  
OF MESSRS. MAURICE S. BLAIS AND THOMAS D. NEWBY FOLLOWS:  
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MAY 14, 15, 16 AND 17 - MEXICO CITY. TEAM WILL CALL AT  
EMBASSY MONDAY FOR ENTRANCE BRIEFING WITH EMBOFFS.

MAY 18, 19 - GUADALAJARA; MAY 20, 21 - MEXICO CITY;

MAY 22, 23, 24 - MONTERREY

(GAO IS AWARE OF TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY PERIOD DURING LATTER PART OF MAY AND IS WILLING TO MEET WITH THOSE OFFICIALS THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE.)

DETAILS CONCERNING TRAVEL PLANS WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTEL. PLEASE RESERVE TWO SINGLE ROOMS WITH BATH FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 14 THRU 16 AND MAY 19 AND 20 AT SAME REASONABLY PRICED HOTEL IN MEXICO CITY; MAY 17 THROUGH 18 IN GUADALAJARA; AND MAY 21 THROUGH 23 IN MONTERREY. TEAM WILL LEAVE MONTERREY FOR TORONTO, CANADA ON MAY 24. PLEASE CONFIRM RESERVATION AND NAME OF HOTEL.

3. IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GAO AND TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE WITHIN GUIDELINES OF 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS THAT SHOULD ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW, PARTICULARLY REGARDING GAO ACCESS TO AND/OR RETENTION OF DEPARTMENT FILES OR DOCUMENTS, SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY AND AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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